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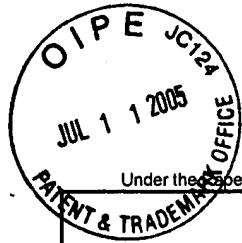
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- () Reply to Office Action – Request for Continued Examination
- () Inventor: George Andrew Beard
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- () Highly Absorbent Durable Coaster
- () Application Number 10/643,390
- () Reply Filed July 9, 2005

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To: Honorable Commissioner of Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office

Reply to Office Action:

In the subject application (10/643,390) the United States Patent Office issued a final Office Action rejecting claims under 35 USC §103. The applicant timely files this response to the Office Action.

The Office Action first finds that Claims 1 and 2 are unpatentable under 35 USC §103 (a) over Hailey in view of Demott (6774067).

The Office Action further finds that Claims 5, 8 are unpatentable under 35 USC §103 (a) over Hailey in view of Demott, as above and in view of Dauer (2003/012250).

Finally the Office Action finds that the grounds for argument for Claims 1, 2, 5 and 8 are moot in view of new grounds for objection.

This reply addresses the grounds for rejection and proposes amendments to the claims.